IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 10, lines 20-30, as follows:

As mentioned herein before, also the size of the particles of the particulate composition significantly affects the release-characteristics. ~~In order to provide sufficient stability as well as a sufficiently sustained release the particles in the particulate composition should have a volume weighted average diameter of at least 50 μm.~~ It has been found that if the particles in the particulate composition have a volume weighted average diameter of at least 50 μm, they provide sufficient stability as well as a sufficiently sustained release. Preferably, said average diameter is at least 80 μm, more preferably at least 125 μm. Typically, the aforementioned average diameter will not exceed 1500 μm. In order to enable homogeneous distribution of flavouring throughout an endues product, it is preferred to employ articles having a volume weighted average diameter of not more than 1000 μm, more preferably of not more than 850 μm. It is furthermore preferred that at least 75 wt%, more preferably at least 90 wt%, of the particles has a diameter within the range of 80-1000 μum, more preferably within the range of 125-850 μm.